

Project:	East West Rail 2 Marston Vale Line Acceleration (EWR2 MVLA)		
Subject:	Local Planning Authority, East West Rail Alliance and Network Rail Consents session		
Date and time:	Tuesday 11 th November 2025 – 2PM	Meeting no:	03
Meeting place:	Network Rail offices, The Quadrant, Milton Keynes	Minutes by:	Jessica Rehan

Attendees:

Name	Initials	Company	Role
Elizabeth Verdegem	EV	Milton Keynes City Council	Team Leader (Strategic Team) - Development Manager
Jessica Rehan	JR	East West Rail Alliance	Consents Manager
John Kell	JK	Bedford Borough Council	Senior Transport Policy Officer
Kate Sharkey	KS	East West Rail Alliance	Stakeholder Engagement & Comms
Kerry Iles	KI	East West Rail Alliance	Utilities Manager
Nathan Makwana	NM	Milton Keynes City Council	Planning Officer
Rebecca Flisher	RF	East West Rail Alliance	Assistant Planner
Steve Ricks	SR	East West Rail Alliance	Consents Lead

Apologies:

Name	Initials	Company	Role
Ed Mason	EM	East West Rail Alliance	Development Manager
Edmund Waddelove	EW	Network Rail	Senior Sponsor
Gavin Chinniah	GC	Bedford Borough Council	Head of Planning and Building Control
Joanne Branson-Budd	JBB	Bedford Borough Council	Head of Capital Projects, Infrastructure and Sustainable Travel
Tom Daw	TD	Network Rail	Sponsor

Item		Due by	Responsible
1.0	Agenda		
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Purpose of the meeting • Scheme overview and progress • Memorandum of Understanding and Planning Performance Agreement • Look forward – Programme • AOB 	Note	Note
2.0	Background and Scheme overview		
2.1	EW to share scope split between EWR2 MVLA and East West Rail Company Connection Stage 3	EW	09/12/2025

3.0	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)		
3.1	Priority action - each Local Authority to update authority directory. Highways and LLFA contact details required by 24/11/25	EV and JBB ALL	09/12/2025 24/11/2025
3.2	Work in Kind agreement to be determined by the DfT. Network Rail Sponsorship team (EW) leading on these discussions and to provide an update.	EW	09/12/2025
4.0	Application payments		
4.1	To submit an application to discharge a condition to each of Local Authorities, East West Rail Alliance will need to either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay a statutory fee 2. Agree a pre-app or PPA 	Note	Note
4.2	RF/JR to agree if/which applications require a PPA.	RF/JR	09/12/25
4.3	JK/BCC to confirm BBC's pre-application process for discharge of conditions.	JK	24/11/25
5.0	Look forward – Discharge of TWAO Conditions		
5.1	Reviewed the TWAO Conditions discharge programme (included in attached presentation). The following applications were submitted within the previous four weeks: BBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition 9b – Archaeology • Condition 14a - Overarching surface water drainage assessment CBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition 9b – Archaeology • 13(i) - Flood risk assessment phasing • Condition 14a - Overarching surface water drainage assessment 	Note	Note
5.2	The following applications will be submitted in the next four weeks: BBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition 6 - Fencing MKCC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition 6 – Fencing 	Note	Note

	CBC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Condition 6 - Fencing Condition 9a – Archaeology 		
5.3	Communication with public/lineside neighbours – strategy to be shared with Local Authorities.	KS	24/11/25
5.4	RF to email Local Authority point of contact when an application is issued via the portal, include Planning Portal reference number.	RF	Ongoing
5.5	JK/BCC and other planning leads to issue note to validation team confirming a location plan is not required with the applications.	JK/EV	24/11/25
5.6	JK to liaise with JBB and GC to confirm alternative meeting options, including an ad-hoc meeting/call.	JK	24/11/25
6.0	BFO1B (for MKCC only)		
6.1	Part 18 prior approvals application to be submitted to MKCC early January 2026.	Note	Note
	EV confirmed NW will be the case officer for this approval.	Note	Note
6.2	JR to confirm Network Rail land powers (if any) for central pier needed for BFO1B replacement. If no powers found, communication with MKCC highways on notice and purchase options.	JR	09/12/25
6.3	EV to provide contact details for Highways to discuss vegetation management on Saxon Street.	EV	24/11/25
6.4	Kerry Iles (EWRA) joined meeting to discuss road closure permit for survey works at Saxon Street.		
	Kerry provided an overview of the closure and options available as the original option has been rejected. EV advised the project discusses the permit with Gareth Hughes (MKCC Highways).	Note	Note
6.5	EV confirmed she requires RLB to advise on validation requirements.	Note	Note
6.6	RF to discuss requirements for a Section 278 application or Form F separate to the prior approval's application with highways team.	RF	09/12/2025

6.7	Assumption is currently made that Part 4 will be used for temporary works. Details to be included within Planning Statement for Part 18.	Note	Note
7.0	Engagement process and points of contact		
7.1	Meetings to be held face-to-face every four weeks. Invites issued by RF.	Note	Note
7.2	Next meeting is planned 09/12/25 but EWRA and MKCC are available on 02/12/25 if that suits BBC and CBC schedules better. RF to send alternative date to BBC and CBC.	RF	24/11/25

Next Meeting:	Tuesday 9 th December 2025
Distribution:	All invited
Date Issued:	Wednesday 19 th November 2025